

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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ONTARIO AIRPORT

On April 30, 2013, the Board of Supervisors officially endorsed the transfer of Ontario International Airport (ONT) to local control. That action was consistent with the September 2, 2010 action by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council recommending the transfer of ONT to local control, stating that under local control, ONT can recover from the economic downturn of the past several years while positioning itself for long-term growth, consistent with the regionalization of air traffic contemplated in SCAG’s Regional Transportation Plan. Moreover, the County of Los Angeles was a party to a law suit in 2006, which resulted in a settlement that required the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to guarantee that air traffic be spread throughout the region.

A report commissioned by Los Angeles County in 2013 dismissed those LAWA efforts at regionalization as “token” at best. In 2014, LAWA finally made the first step toward true regionalization by transferring the operations of Palmdale Airport to the City of Palmdale.

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On August 6, 2016, Los Angeles and Ontario officials announced that a tentative agreement had been reached to turn over control of the airport to the Ontario International Airport Authority. The transfer still has to be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and local agencies.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a 5 signature letter to the Director of the Federal Aviation Administration and any other related federal officials asking that the final approval process for the transfer of Ontario International Airport to an Ontario authority be expedited.

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